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When Little Monkey saw
watermelon for the first
time, he took a big bite.



But after one bite he
threw the watermel-
on away, saying,
“Watermelon doesn’t
taste good!”



Little Calf, seeing him, said,
"You should eat the melon's
flesh, not the rind."



But before Little Calf finished speaking, Little Monkey had run away, saying, "Everyone knows you should eat the melon's flesh!"





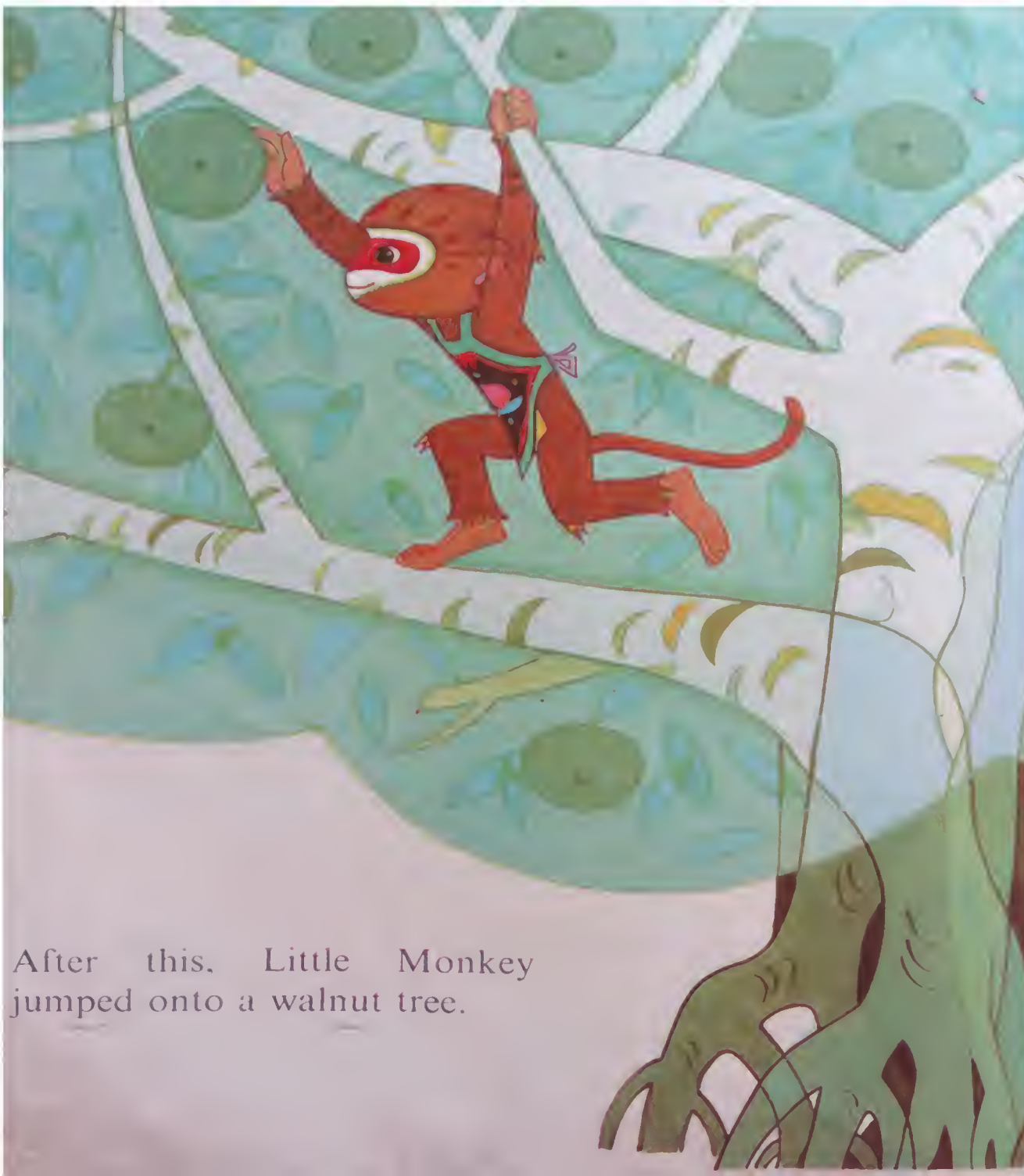
Little Monkey passed a field of muskmelons. He picked one and started eating the inside and not the rind.

Little Donkey happened by. He told Little Monkey, "Don't eat the seeds, just the flesh."



But Little Monkey wasn't listening. He took a mouthful of seeds, then spat them out, saying, "Now I know you should eat the flesh and not the seeds."





After this, Little Monkey
jumped onto a walnut tree.

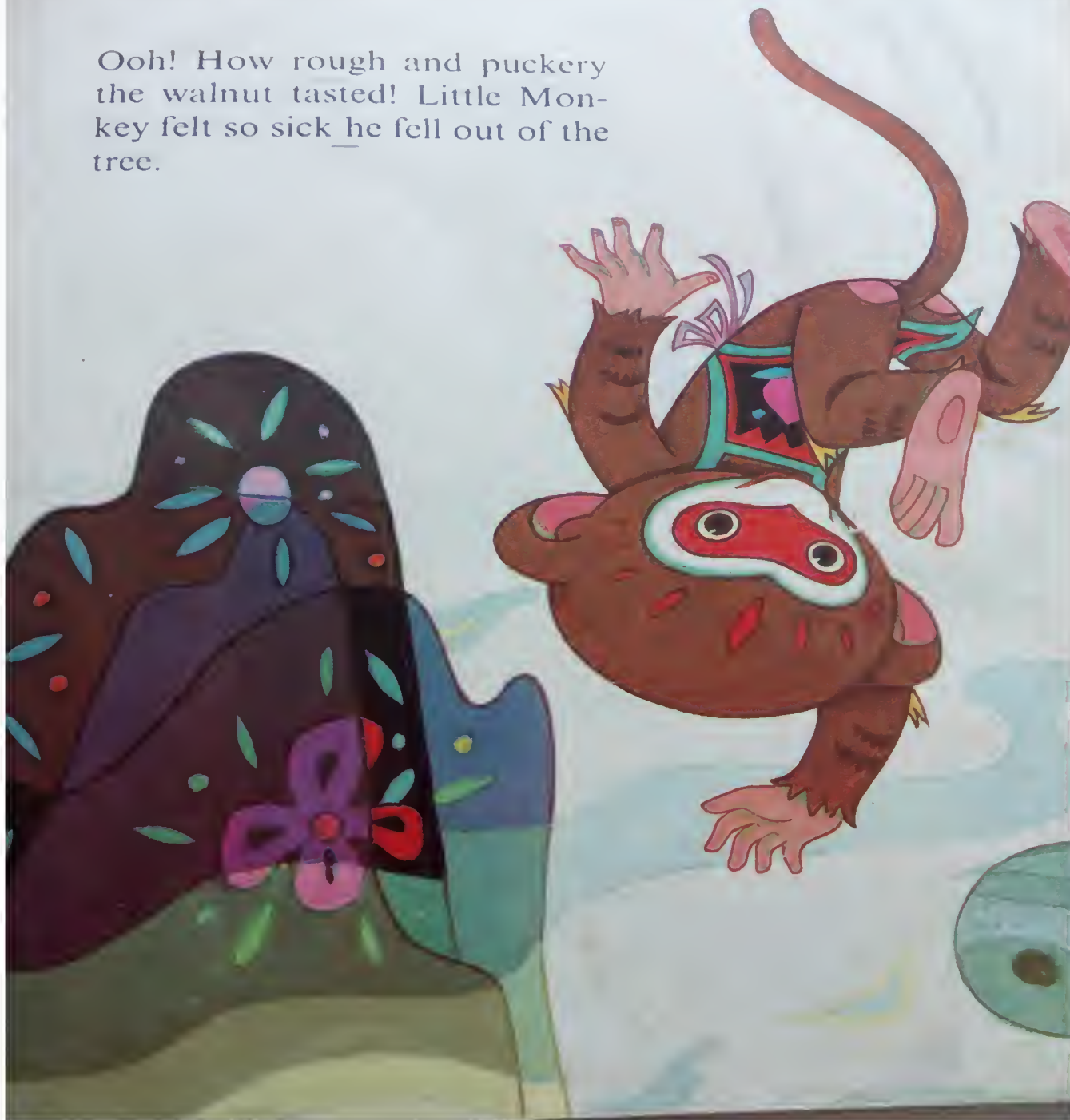
He picked a walnut and was about to eat when
Magpie stopped him, saying, "You can't eat the
shell."





But Little Monkey interrupted Magpie. "I know what I should eat!". And he took a big bite of the shell.

Ooh! How rough and puckery
the walnut tasted! Little Mon-
key felt so sick he fell out of the
tree.



He ran to the lake to
rinse out his mouth.

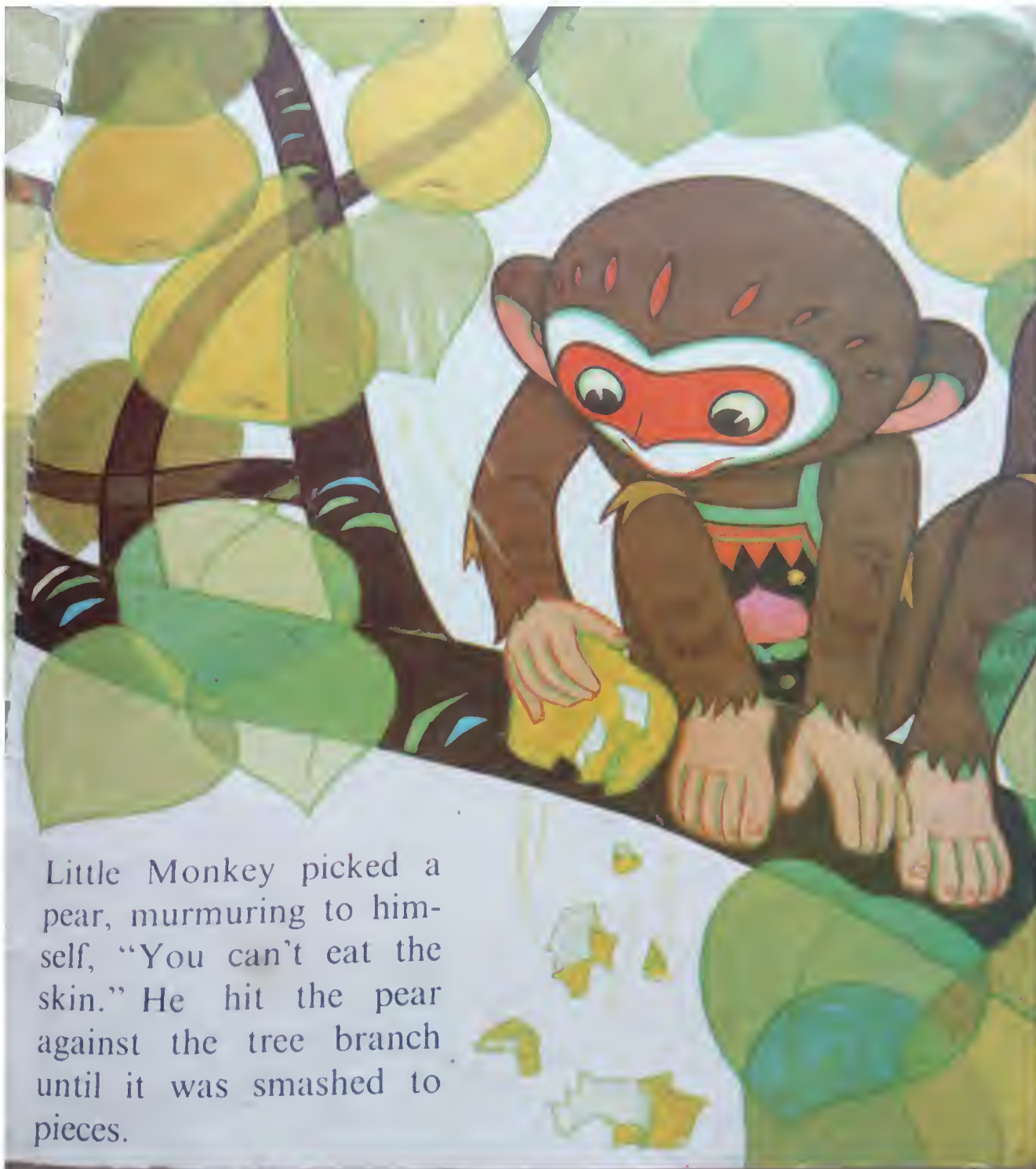


Magpie followed him
to the lake and told
him, "Little Monkey,
the walnut shell
is poisonous. You
should eat the
walnut's kernel."



This time Little Monkey
leaped into a pear tree.





Little Monkey picked a pear, murmuring to himself, "You can't eat the skin." He hit the pear against the tree branch until it was smashed to pieces.



Then he put the pear core
into his mouth and after
one bite grimaced in pain.
It was sour!



Magpie came again and asked, "Does it taste good?" Angrily Little Monkey tossed a pear to Magpie and said, "Taste it yourself!"





Little Monkey said,
“All fruit tastes bad! I
won’t eat any!” Why
didn’t Little Monkey
enjoy eating fruit?